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SUBJECT: FARDC REQUESTS SENIOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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11. (SBU) Major General Dieudonne Amuli Bahigwa, FARDC Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, has formally requested a USG training team to conduct a senior leadership seminar on civil-military operations. Post will follow up immediately with the FARDC to maintain momentum, as this represents a major step forward by senior FARDC leadership in that they demonstrate that they recognize the necessity to build good civilian-military relations. During SA Wolpe's recent visit to Kinshasa, the Ministers of Defense and Regional and International Cooperation, as well as parliamentary leaders (reftels), expressed support for some type of training for the FARDC high command.

12. (SBU) We strongly recommend that the training be conducted in late January or in February to serve as a stepping stone leading up to the March Training Strategy Conference. Post will prepare a Training Strategy Conference Concept immediately.
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